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2. Talked to [redacted] again about the housing regulation, and he promised it to me definitely on Monday.

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[redacted] also told me that he had been approached to become an assistant to [redacted]. I told him that this was definitely out of the question, which pleased him.

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[redacted] also said that [redacted] Special Contracting Officer, was scheduled to go on leave and had asked him to take over his duties while he was away. I told [redacted] not to take on any additional duties and to tell [redacted] that this was a problem to be presented to the AD/P.

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3. Telephoned Ting Sheldon to advise him of the Director's approval of an incumbency allocation at GS-16 for [redacted]. To my surprise, Sheldon asked if he had approved a position for [redacted]. I told him I did not know that he was interested in handling this case separately also. Apparently, he doesn't want [redacted] to continue as a GS-16 unless [redacted] can also be promoted. I told him I was dubious about this possibility, since it would mean an increase of one super-grade position for the Agency. I agreed to look into this matter and call Sheldon again.

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[redacted] said that we had received a cable [redacted] indicating that the hardware and ammunition sent out there were incompatible, etc. I asked Colonel [redacted] to look into this and he reported orally that, while the ammunition was o.k., apparently it was packed in clips that would not work in machine guns. He is giving me a written report on the situation.

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Mr. Dulles asked the group if they saw any objection to recommending [redacted] for promotion to Lieutenant General. It was agreed that there was no harm seen in this. Mr. Dulles undertook to discuss this matter with General Smith.

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people as a result of the Bureau of the Budget letter to restrict the hiring of new people.

Mr. Wisner suggested that we make a real effort to obtain clerical help being let out by agencies which are being reduced in force. I assured him that we were doing this. Later in the day, however, Meloon reported to me that the only clerical help that seemed to be available did not meet our standards.

25X1A9a [redacted] said that he had heard a rumor about [redacted] re- 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a tiring. Mr. Dulles asked [redacted] about having [redacted] come to see him. 25X1A9a

Mr. Dulles said that he had taken the position at the last meeting of the NSC Senior Staff that CIA should be an advisory member and not a full voting member.

25X1A9a 5. [redacted] was over to report that PBS wants us to give up our last space downtown where our unclassified Pool is now located. In return for this, they will give us space in Alcott Hall and Barton Hall, but they want us to pay for the move. I told [redacted] if it was only a few thousand dollars, we would do it, since it will be to our advantage to consolidate forces in this area if we possibly can. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 6. [redacted] telephoned on behalf of [redacted] to see if I would object to [redacted] talking to [redacted] about being his assistant. I told 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a him I couldn't possibly spare [redacted], but I will try to find someone else if he wants. 25X1A9a  
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25X1A9a 7. [redacted] reports that Governor Peterson may want to go to [redacted] on Monday. 25X1A9a  
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25X1A9a 8. Ed Saunders and [redacted] are working on a cable concerning the WON situation in the Far East. It may take a day or two to clear this situation up since a cable from us and a cable to us crossed in route.

9. Larry Houston and I discussed his proposed memorandum to the Director, concerning the use of confidential funds. I told Larry that, while I thought his memorandum might be o.k. from the General Counsel to the Director, I thought it had some things in it that I would object to having signed by DD/A. He agreed and hoped that his memorandum would be presented from the General Counsel. He is going to revise it further before signing it, and I will have another look at it.

Told Larry to have his secretary contact me for travel orders at any time he wanted to return to Washington on temporary duty. Also told him that I would approve of \$9 per diem for the entire course up there if he found it necessary to make such a request.

He warned me that the Procurement and Supply Office was putting a great deal of pressure on to get this new financial arrangement in New York. He said that he was opposed to it, even though legally it was all right. I told him I would not sign it without discussing it with Mr. Wolf.

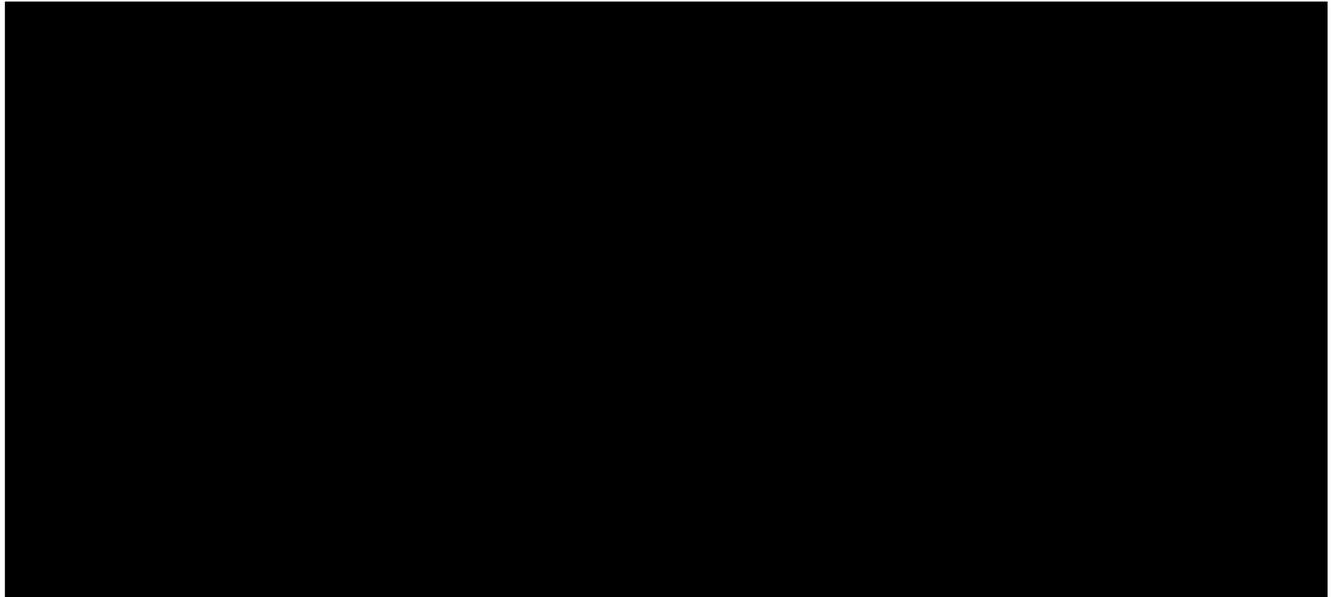
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25X1A5a1 Larry also warned me that I might get some pressure from TSS to convert additional contracts to the [REDACTED]. He said it is extremely dangerous and that we must not do it.

25X1A9a He told me that he was returning to the DD/P a request for payment for moving household goods from the West Coast to Washington, D. C. for [REDACTED]. It is, of course, illegal--another of those cases where the man was definitely told that the Agency would bare this expense. 25X1A9a



25X1A9a [REDACTED] advised me that he was going to take [REDACTED] on as Assistant to the Auditor-in-Chief and requested that I make the necessary arrangements for the transfer, which I will do. 25X1A9a

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